

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ABS

Question: AET 296-304

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

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Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

296. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.

297. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

298. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

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300. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

301. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

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304. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

296 and 298. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has spent \$6,316 (exclusive of GST) from 1 September 2015 to 29 February 2016 on Hospitality/Entertainment including catering and drinks costs.

These amounts relate to expenditure used to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests. The date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed in the table below.

Hospitality expenditure for the period September 2015 to February 2016:

| State | City | Purpose | Amount (Excl GST) \$ |
|-------|-----------|--|----------------------------|
| VIC | Melbourne | Timor Leste Delegation Dinner | 541 |
| VIC | Melbourne | Official Lunch with BPS Indonesia Delegation | 488 |
| ACT | Canberra | Dinner with Indonesia delegation | 595 |
| ACT | Canberra | Hosting visiting delegation from the University of the South Pacific | 122 |
| ACT | Canberra | SNZ visitors to ABS 21 - 24 Sept collaboration, meetings, semina | 244 |
| ACT | Canberra | SNZ visitors dinner | 409 |
| ACT | Canberra | Official Dinner for the visiting Fiji Bureau of Statistics delegations | 321 |
| ACT | Canberra | Light lunch Activity 1.2 Supply use Tables | 108 |
| ACT | Canberra | Activity 1.6 Light Lunch Indonesian Delegation | 141 |
| ACT | Canberra | Official Dinner with International Delegates | 99 |
| ACT | Canberra | Lunch for StatsNZ delegation | 129 |
| ACT | Canberra | Timor-Leste Program Planning Workshop Official Dinner | 676 |
| ACT | Canberra | Official Dinner for Timor-Leste Program Planning Workshop | 327 |
| ACT | Canberra | Official Dinner for Timor-Leste Program Planning Workshop | 764 |
| ACT | Canberra | Business dinner with international officials | 182 |
| ACT | Canberra | Indonesian delegation visiting | 207 |
| ACT | Canberra | Indonesian delegation visiting | 359 |
| ACT | Canberra | Indonesian delegation in CO | 604 |
| | | Total | 6,316 |

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304. No. The ABS already has tight restrictions on these types of expenditure.